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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2016 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original ☒ **Amendment** ☐
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Date 1/30/2016

Bill No: SB 234

Sponsor: Sen. Cliff Pirtle

Agency Code: 305

Health Provider Credentialing

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17	FY18		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE**BILL SUMMARY**

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Synopsis:

SB 234 amends Section 59A-16-21.1, NMSA 1978

In Section 1, SB 234 defines "applicant" as a physician or individual licensed or authorized to furnish health care services in this or another state who has applied to be credentialed by health plan, and meets the criteria for payment while awaiting a decision, defines participating provider and adds applicant to the existing category of participating provider.

In Section 2, SB 234 seeks to limit the number of forms used in credentialing and directs the superintendent to promulgate rules to allow provisional credentialing for a period of one year for certain providers, including those on probation under the authority of a medical board or licensing or regulatory entity.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Physicians may be subject to disciplinary action by a licensing board unrelated to the quality of patient care or billing practices depending on the particular licensing statutes in a particular jurisdiction. If SB 234 seeks to provide provisional credentialing to certain providers under probation, definition of sanction terms could promote that goal.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS****CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP****TECHNICAL ISSUES****OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

SB 234 could expand the definition of which type of probation or sanction is included and reconcile probation with the existing provisions of the statute.